

BURIEN COMMUNITY CENTER SURVEY 2007-08
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Why you would likely vote this way on a property tax increase/bond levy to BUILD a new center

YES

- ♦ A new community center will help build a better community. It will be money well spent to support a larger group of people.
- ♦ Because we need to spend some of our tax dollars for the purpose of bringing a positive and useful structure into our city. Tax money appears to gear towards many things that do not always promote a safe and positive environment where our community can prosper.
- ♦ Becuase it would displace the activities happening there now for less time and cost less
- ♦ Believe new community center is needed. Would like to see the center, along with the new town center, be a focus of activities in Burien.
- ♦ Burien is in the midst of becoming more of a community and therefore needs a center to support that feel...
- ♦ Burien needs a lap pool in the worst way!
- ♦ Burien needs an updated Community Center for all to enjoy.
- ♦ Burien needs to build a stronger community. We need to have a place for people of all backgrounds culturally and socioeconomically to come together. Please please please build a new community recreation center. Currently we go to the Sea Tac community center and love it, however Burien needs our own!
- ♦ Burien's children this generation need something to do, something positive. I think this would be a great thing to start this.
- ♦ Even though it would be inconvenient for a few years, building all at once is the most cost effective solution, and would give us a whole new community center all at once. I live just a few blocks away, and am expecting my first baby, so of COURSE I'm all for a new Community Center

- ♦ I beleive the City REALLY needs this new facility. I would be willing to relocate my class while construction is underway.
- ♦ I fully support a new community center and I think it is important to provide these types of services to the diverse population in Burien. I also like things to get done quickly and efficiently.

- ♦ I have a one year old and a three year old and would love to have a place like the center to bring them to enrich their lives.
- ♦ I think it adds to the city's draw, it's a great way to improve our community, and an "upgrade" to Burien.
- ♦ I think the community center is important for the citizens of Burien and think that all of the proposals in the full center are important. If the entire project isn't built at once, there's a chance the rest would never get built. Let's have the entire area torn up at once instead of ongoing construction phases.

- ♦ I think the community center would be a great thing for the community, and my family would use it a lot.
- ♦ I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF A NEW FACILITY! BEING A MOTHER OF 3 SMALL CHILDREN I THINK IT IS WHAT BURIEN NEEDS! I KNOW WE WOULD FREQUENT IT A LOT AND WOULD STAY IN THE CITY OF BURIEN INSTEAD OF TRAVELING ELSEWHERE FOR ACTIVITIES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT BURIEN FIRST!
- ♦ I use the center now and would definitely use the new one more. Burien is growing so the community center needs to grow too.
- ♦ I use the recreation center and take classes there. I love the community center an find that it adds so much to the community. I would like to take classes in a modern facility where there are changing rooms with lockers and room for several different classes.

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- ♦ I would definitely vote yes because I believe a new community center is vital for our growing community. I also happen to live directly across from the Current community center on 4th ave and I DO NOT want this project to drag out until 2014!! Not only will it be inconvenient, but very costly. I would also like to see the parking lot moved to the back of the building so off of our residential street.
- ♦ It will never be cheaper than building it now. It will be a great adjunct to our new town center.
- ♦ My family is a frequent customer of the current Burien Community Center. We are willing to commit money to a new facility.
- ♦ Our family often takes classes and attends other events through Burien Parks. It's clear the facilities are outdated and not to required capacity. Furthermore, we also use Sea-Tac's community center for other classes, and we love this facility. (I especially love the botanical garden, although I realize this site does not have enough space for this.) It adds a lot to the community both functionally and from an aesthetic standpoint. Also, I think Burien really could make good use of the pool facility, and we have been in need of a decent recreational pool for some time.
- ♦ Replace the entire facility at once and be done with it is the right way to do it and the quick way to do it.
- ♦ The building is old. Why waste money on any more repairs and upkeep? The population (all ages) is growing and needs more services. It won't get any cheaper.
- ♦ The city needs something like this and I would really like a safe place to exercise and swim.
- ♦ This is going to add to the overall property values to the city of Burien and surrounding areas. without a doubt a very smart move.
- ♦ this looks great!
- ♦ Unless a bucket of money falls from the heavens, this is the most direct way to fund the project.
- ♦ We are creating a "new vibrant" city, a city full of inspiring places to go and do...This center fits in w/ that philosophy; a world class community center for a world class city. It'll also stand us in good stead as a gathering place in case of emergencies, power outages and days that are way toooo hot!
- ♦ We love the community center now and we would love to see more options. We definitely love the diversity in use of the community center now but we feel that this will give more of a chance for all ages to make use of its facilities. This will give more opportunities for us to stay in our community instead of going to other cities to use their facilities. We think this is a fine time to expand because of the new development in Burien.
- ♦ We need a new community Center badly
- ♦ We need this facility in Burien
- ♦ Buildings are old and need updates. Not sure if rebuilding is best idea, or updating existing would be better.
- ♦ Cost is very high for the community demographics - would most likely need additional funding to staff and maintain center of this magnitude. User fees especially for the recreation side of the center; could be real barriers for participation to families with lower income levels - a robust scholarship program that is well marketed would need to be in place. If user fees are equal to private fitness centers and pools in the area, I would question public benefit unless there were significant scholarship opportunities in place.
- ♦ For those of us on a fixed income every dollar counts.
- ♦ I don't want to wait forever for the improvements to be done. I would pay \$15/mth to have it done as soon as possible. Assuming there will still be opportunities for classes, such as yoga, painting, drawing, etc. That's why I would use the facility.
- ♦ i love burien and would like to see it have the types of community center activities that other communities have

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- ♦ I think more pools are needed in the area. I also think children need places that are safe to blow off energy.
- ♦ I was a working grandparent in the Burien Co-op Preschool for the last 6 years. I love the building the way it is now and I don't like change. I don't know if I would use the new building but, hopefully, I would.
- ♦ I would vote in favor of a rec. center, because Burien needs a more up to date facility that can accomodate a wide range of activities. The city has taken bold moves in the short time since incorporation (e.g., Town Square, 152 ST & 1 AV S projects), and a facility like this would compliment the city core quite nicely. The only reservations I have about the scope of the project, is the large aquatic component. While this would be really cool to have and I would most likely take advantage of it, aquatic facilities are rarely self-supporting. But, it appears from the conceptual drawings, that the pool would be much more than a rectangular lap pool. Slides, a small child area and other fun components would make for a destination type pool--one that people would travel to use.
- ♦ It depends on what other measures and taxes/levies will be on the ballot that year.
- ♦ IT is a long term solution to building and enhancing the community. It makes the most sense to pay the least amount for the entire project.
- ♦ It is great mission, but I am a bit confused why it would only be a recreational pool. Since swimming teams are struggling for lane space in surrounding pools, why not allow lap swimming? Also, there are many dance studios in the area. Why do we need the city to have some as well? Though I know you are past the planning stage, I would rather have an indoor tennis area (even somewhere in Burien) since the only place to play tennis in the winter is at the private Boeing facility in Kent or Seattle's community tennis (that is always full) off 1-90. There is nothing close by.
- ♦ It is important to have a facility for the community to gather, enjoy, benefit, and contribute to a sense of community pride. If the city is changing its view on the map, then it should also reflect in the community activities.
- ♦ The city needs to do something to modernize.
- ♦ The current building is so unappealing, we never go there. A new facility would be great
- ♦ The money MUST go to the building of the Center only.. No other stipulations.
- ♦ There are many people with limited incomes in the area that would be greatly impacted by a \$180+ tax increase. Hopefully, something would be planned to help people out in such situations. There should be some discount for Burien residents as well and annual members. When the time comes, I would be interested in purchasing the bonds to support this project.
- ♦ What will happen to Burien Little Theater?

NO

- ♦ 1. Cost, have to pay property taxes for 30 years to build the building. Then pay to use recreational facilities and take classes. From a use stand point/cost, there are better deals that already exist in the community for gym /recreation facilities. Plus they do not carry a thirty year tax burden and you can terminate if not using with no additional cost. 2. We are not sold on the water features. Expensive to build and expensive to maintain. 3. We support building of the Community Center portion and eliminating the recreation portion and willing to vote for and pay the property taxes.
- ♦ Community center alone will meet Burien's needs. Recreation facilities should be fee-based or provided by private sector.

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- ♦ I question the need or a \$35 million facility - especially the water feature. I believe, with the new YMCA planned in Sea-Tac and the Evergreen and Mt. Rainier pools, that this is a luxury we can't afford.
- ♦ I understand that people who buy into the new Town Center don't pay property taxes for ten years! So we would be supporting them. Plus, if we incorporate areas to the north, we would be supporting them as well. The Burien resident can't afford to support everyone and a community center too.
- ♦ The pool is a luxury we can and should do without.
- ♦ The seniors that are the majority of the users would be dislocated and out of touch - that's just too cruel!! They love the companionship the center offers and if you disrupt it, they will never get back what they enjoy now. The YMCA is building a huge complex, let that answer the needs you are trying to fulfill.
- ♦ unless I misunderstand, the increase would be to property tax and isn't stated as a fixed increase. if it is a percentage increase, those with larger properties would be paying more, which seems counterintuitive to the purpose of a rec center for the city. I think the city should come up with the majority of the funds, and the increase can be done to those of us who would use the facilities. Not everyone who owns property in the city will actually be using the rec center - another reason to not hit property taxes. There is also the old tiresome adage that whenever any gov't funds are needed, property taxes get hit first. The city is rebuilding the downtown area - funds are coming from where? property taxes? other? Seems there should be other means of financing/grants for the upgrade to a very necessary facility for the city.
- ♦ Between the fire dept. and the schools -- and now the city trying to build a community center -- homeowners in Burien are being taxed out of their homes. We are on a fixed income and cannot afford more taxes. The vast majority of the citizens in Burien are renters, and there is no penalty to them for voting to increase property taxes for those of us who have actually worked to afford our homes. STOP THESE EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES IMMEDIATELY. It is too bad if the city can't afford a new community center, but I'd rather be able to stay in my home where I can barely afford the taxes I pay now.
- ♦ Burien is not taking care of the parks and facilities it already has. If we vote to tax ourselves, it should be to improve our existing parks.
- ♦ I vote "yes" for schools, police and fire services. I pay 24 dollars a year for use of a gym. I will not vote for a facility based on home property taxes.
- ♦ I would like to see more use made of the schools in the area. They are mostly unused after 3p.m. and a lot could go on in this space.
- ♦ In my opinion the majority of the people who will use this center do not pay property tax!
- ♦ Living on a fixed income makes it difficult to pay any increased taxes. Don't need fancy community center.
- ♦ Property taxes are already a great burden. If you can't find another way, don't build it !
- ♦ Providing recreation is not a legitimate function of government.
- ♦ retrofit existing structures and area or relocate to another structure
- ♦ Taxes along with prices on everything else (gas, food, etc) are going up so fast it is hard for the average person to keep up. Now the the School system can pass new levies with a simple majority, I suspect our taxes will increase even more. There has got to be a better way than always looking to the property owner for more money. How will the average citizen ever get ahead? Just because you own a home, does not mean you have a pocket that keeps replenishing a supply of money.
- ♦ The city of Burien is already going thru so much. Why should everyone pay for a place that only a few use. We pay too much in taxes already. This will never fly as Burien is a older community and efforts should be made to raise the quality of education in our community. Look how highline only graduates less than 50% of its high school seniors. Lets fix that first.

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- ♦ With the new YMCA being built in Highline I don't think we need TWO structures that are so similar - give some of the money to the Y and save Burien \$ for another project. Lets not duplicate limited resources.

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- ♦ I cannot say I would use this facility- I think we need some parks in the North Burien area as the current city council does not seem to think north burien needs any ammenities.
- ♦ I would like to have more information about the project;; 1. Detail overview of programs that include budget to build and sustain; 2. A campaign strategy plan that includes a timeline with bench mark goals and potential partnership opportunities; 3. List
- ♦ The plans look great, EXCEPT, there is no weight Gym! I'm shocked that there's no weight gym anywhere. I would use the facility regularly if there were a weight gym, expecially since there is a lap pool. I think the pool is too small and there will be a HIGH demand for lap swimming both by seniors and adults. Our area has a high percentage of Senior Citizens, and speaking from my prior experience as a lifeguard at Fife Pool, the MAJORITY of the pool customers are senior citizens doing lap swimming.

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Would you be more likely to support a bond measure if funds were included for parks/rec improvements?

YES

- ♦ A healthy park/trail system is a healthy community.
- ♦ Children need more exercise - lets get them away from video games.
- ♦ For now, building is sufficient; outdoor facilities are insufficient.
- ♦ I am an avid parks and rec user, I would definitely vote to support this.
- ♦ I have an infant daughter that will one day make use of these improvements to our community. We all need to support activities that we intend to make use of.
- ♦ I tend to vote yes on public projects. I guess I'm a socialist at heart.
- ♦ I want to live in a community that takes care of its parks. What is the point of having a park if it is run down and shabby? It only attracts criminal activity. I care about my community.
- ♦ I'm willing to pay more for improvements I can see in my community.
- ♦ Love Burien parks!!
- ♦ Parks are very important for the quality of life for all of the people who live and visit here.
- ♦ Same response as previous
- ♦ Well I have a two year old, and we have a hard time finding a park with a playground that's nasty, or vandilized in one way or another. So i would definitely support this.
- ♦ YES! Two parks that I frequent come to mind, with regards to upgrades. Lake Burien School Park has been a great park to use, but it has grown in popularity in recent years, and the playground area is WAY too small. Additionally, the park could stand to have some covered shelters and picnic tables. The park is a bit sparten. Seahurst Park is a great place, but the location of the play area is very inconvenient. Additionally, once you walk all the way to the playground area, you are met with an aging playground structure that seems to be a remnant of when King County owned the park. The structure is old and not that fun for most kids (mine included). We rarely use that part of the park, simply because the playground equipment is so run-down. The rest of the park is awesome.
- ♦ Again, it depends on how much we will be taxed by the city, state, government the year it is proposed. Expense is a huge consideration
- ♦ Don't tie the center to larger issues. Learn the lesson of the recent roads and rails debacle.
- ♦ I support improvements in the City's parks
- ♦ I would need more detail about the costs and the benefits.
- ♦ I would need more information about what would be funded and which parks.
- ♦ I would rather focus the funding on the new community center and use other ways to repair existing parks or even sell some park property to help fund the new recreation center.
- ♦ I would vote yes even if the bond were higher, but I think a lot of people will balk at the idea of paying more taxes if something else is added onto this bond.
- ♦ I'd need details to know for sure.
- ♦ If it didn't get too unreasonable! (As stated earlier, I would definitely be a strong supporter if there was an indoor tennis place!)
- ♦ Improvements and repairs will never be cheaper than now. Given Burien's location to downtown Seattle, the city's property values will increase, even moreso if such amenities as indicated above are part of the community. I would like to see the bike/pedestrian plan implemented.
- ♦ It would depend on specific proposal.
- ♦ Parks and playgrounds in decent condition are fundamentals in a "good neighborhood" city.

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- ♦ Don't overload the bond issue! Look at the hiway issue last election. Show the people what you can do with this money, then plan for future upgrades. Do a good job of maintenance from P & R budget.
- ♦ Fix the parks first, and hire park rangers. After the parks are clean, safe, and restored to a natural and native state, then we can think about a new recreation center.
- ♦ Focussed bonds lead to greater accountability.
- ♦ for the same reasons as stated above. The city should focus on funding these sorts of maintenance items.
- ♦ I DONT FEEL SAFE OUT WITH MY CHILDREN IN THESE TYPES OF SETTINGS SO I WOULD NOT VOTE FOR THEM. THAT IS WHY I LOVE THE IDEA OF THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER. INDOORS IN A SAFE SETTING!
- ♦ I think we need some parks in the North Burien area as the current city council does not seem to think north burien needs any ammenities.Supporting a levy on the parks means I would be supporting a levy for others and one that I could not use myself
- ♦ i use the parks a lot and find them adequate
- ♦ The project is already WAYYYYYY too costly.
- ♦ why more taxes? Where are my current taxes going now?
- ♦ \$15 dollars a month is a pretty steep tax burden for elderly home owners and Burien has many.
- ♦ Don't confuse the issues. The bond measure should be for the community center only.
- ♦ Don't raise property taxes !
- ♦ Have us vote for one thing at a time. Do the community center right, on budget and on time and we will vote for other improvements. Just ask the Highline School District.
- ♦ I would prefer to focus on a new recreational facility and the revenue it would generate before addressing the above projects.
- ♦ If existing parks cannot be maintained with the existing budget we should find new management for the parks department capable of doing its job.
- ♦ Make that a separate bond issue.
- ♦ money should be conserved for safety measures, flood control, road repairs etc.
- ♦ No more taxes and no more big bonds. If there is a need to tax to make repairs than keep it to a minimum and make someone accountable for how and where the money is spent
- ♦ Pay for maintaince and improvements of existing facilities first. Don't hold maintance issues hostage to a new project.
- ♦ Same as before.
- ♦ Stick to the one project for the bond issue. These multiple projects votes don't seem to be successful. The additional park improvements should be paid for out of the regular budgeting and capital improvement moneys. I would vote for the community center by itself though. As we are fixed income seniors we wouldn't be able to handle much more than the projected taxes for the community center.

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- ♦ again, more detail...i'm not sure what a "larger bond measure" is or how it would effects the projected plans for burien
- ♦ Believe these improvements should have priority over the centralized option.
- ♦ Do not know, until I understand what kind tax increases you are asking for and the scope you are proposing.
- ♦ Don't want higher taxes

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- ♦ I think reaching out to the public for volunteering and fundraising might be a better idea. I feel if the people where the parks are located have a hand in improving their parks might want to keep in order. Clean up Burien seems to be getting better and increasing in amounts of volunteers each year.
- ♦ I would like to see EXACTLY what improvements the city plans on making before I make my decision
- ♦ I would prefer funding sidewalks and to get to these parks. But, among other higher priorities I would likely support these projects
- ♦ It would depend on how much it would cost me.
- ♦ My daughter, her three children and I live in Burien. We are struggling in this economy. My daughter is losing her home. We can't afford to pay for improvements in parks.

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YES

- ♦ 13 cents is not enough money to complain about, although I realize that some people will still object. I would definitely vote to provide this additional subsidy.
- ♦ Everyone, regardless of income level should be able to access and enjoy Parks & Rec services. I am willing to subsidize that.
- ♦ It will be very important to maintain the new facility and to be able to hire the staff necessary to operate a first rate recreation center. It would be terrible if the center and the programs were not successful due to the City's inability to provide the customer service and a clean facility.
- ♦ It's a minimum amount compared to what we will need to pay in the future if we do not offer resources for children, teens, adults, and elderly now!
- ♦ Maintaining the facility is a responsibility we have if we want it built...
- ♦ Please use the money wisely, that is all I ask.
- ♦ We need a new community Center
- ♦ I presume the \$1.51 is a monthly tax per _____? of home value? Given the property owners are statistically more affluent than renters, it is a fair way to allow the entire community, including low-income families and seniors, to enjoy a lovely facility that is affordable for all.
- ♦ I think it is important to not provide free services to users of the facility. The city needs to ensure that others who may not pay taxes in the community also are contributing to the benefits.

- ♦ I would like to know what is involved in these costs.
- ♦ I would want more information about why the new facility would need so much more money.
- ♦ If we build it, we should support it.
- ♦ is this an annual increase?
- ♦ Is this per \$1,000. value?
- ♦ It's a token contribution to a facility that will offer so much to the community.
- ♦ Just not sure at this time.
- ♦ Reluctantly
- ♦ To support my community.
- ♦ What would be the point of building it if we can't take care of it. User fees should play a major part too.
- ♦ Would like to research more options for funding other than just taxation of property owners.

NO

- ♦ again if I don't deem that I will use the facility I will probably vote no to a tax increase.
- ♦ I don't own property and my daughter and son-in-law are losing their property.
- ♦ i think these extra costs should be met in increased user fees so that people who don't use the facilities will not be charged more
- ♦ The center needs to support itself
- ♦ We really need a new Burien Community Center; however, if the cost of a new Shorewood School is only \$12 million, then I question the projected cost under the current plan. The current BCC classes are more expensive than what I currently pay at local fitness center, so I won't be using the fitness facility or the pool. I would support a more modest(?) plan of \$12-15 million, for classrooms, teen and senior center, fitness center and indoor track, but not \$35 million plus maintenance expenses to include a pool.
- ♦ Again, stop taxing all of the home owners to a point where they can't even manage.
- ♦ An 8% increase in property tax? In addition to the increase to build the project? I don't think this will fly...
- ♦ Don't raise property taxes !
- ♦ I hate to think of you types sitting around thinking of more ways you can spend our money.
- ♦ I will not vote for the property tax funding of the building.

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- ♦ I wouldn't use the recreation center. I can already get most of these functions at a private fitness club if I wanted to pay for it.
- ♦ If you are replacing the facility then you need to run it for what you are running the current facility. Half a million dollars per year is a ridiculous increase. Trim the pork off of this project.
- ♦ Property taxes already to high
- ♦ Same as before
- ♦ This will never work. We never can pass school bond levies
- ♦ User fees and rental revenue should be used and not an increased tax burden.

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- ♦ Building only the Community Center portion, the answer would be yes. Is the \$1.51 per month added to the \$15 per month on a \$300k valued home?
- ♦ I WOULD LIKE A LITTLE MORE INFO ON THIS ONE. I REALIZE BIGGER FACILTY MORE MONEY, BUT THAT IS QUIT AN INCREASE FOR ONE YEAR!
- ♦ I would most likely agree to pay additional regular taxes to help offset the cost of operation, but not at the expense of public safety. If I have to choose between more police units (through contract with the KCSO) or between the community/rec center, I will choose police.
- ♦ I would need more information on what the future revenue streams would look like for the community center to see if it couldn't be fully funded from that.
- ♦ It would depend on how much this amounted to on our property taxes which are already very high.

- ♦ would need to see the breakdown of the \$500,000 increase per year. Seems pretty high from an outside glance.

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Please tell us why you are in favor of, against or uncertain about the fee structure

YES

- ♦ A movie costs more and is less healthy.
- ♦ actually it is not high enough in my estimation. I am assuming your team that analyzed data and came up with this structure, expects it is the most someone would pay. I live near the 8thAveS and S 196th St intersection, so technically I'm 2 blocks from the burien city line (according to the sign). I will definitely use the pool facilities & lockers and walking track and I'd pay \$10 per day or look for a discount and pay for a year.
- ♦ At \$25 a week, if used daily, a person can't belong to a gym for that price. I also support the scholarship plan and am glad to see it mentioned. People in our community need a place to gather, learn, and stay fit - together.
- ♦ City of Burien residents are already paying taxes for this and should get a break on the use fee. The Cove in Normandy Park is not available to anyone at any cost if you don't live there and they have police guarding the beach that ticket you if you set foot there.
- ♦ I can afford that fee, but I would want to make sure that those on low incomes would have access to the facilities.
- ♦ I think that is a very reasonable price!
- ♦ If you use you pay.
- ♦ It is reasonable and creates respect and value for the facility.
- ♦ it looks reasonable to me
- ♦ It seems fair, and it is less expensive for city residents, who already pay taxes in the community.

- ♦ It seems reasonable for those that can pay and if you are not denying those that can't, I appreciate that.
- ♦ It would help offset the costs for those who don't use the facility a
- ♦ I've used the Federal Way Center. These are the fees they charge there.
- ♦ Pay as you use the facility rather than tax all the property owners right out of their homes. This seems the best answer.
- ♦ Pay per use is fair.
- ♦ residents who pay the taxes should get a break.
- ♦ Seems to be a very reasonable rate for per day.
- ♦ Should increase fees to fully cover costs of recreational facility.
- ♦ These fees are reasonable. It is quit a bit less than a gym membership. The proposed facility is beautiful. I am hoping the fees will keep the facility beautiful.
- ♦ This seems affordable to me.
- ♦ We need to pay for staff
- ♦ As long as no one is left out of using the center that tax payers have funded. Also, the money collected needs to be properly appropriated and not squandered away by the elected officials.
- ♦ Fees seem in line with other (private business) activities.
- ♦ I am also in favor of a monthly fee for a family of around \$20 to \$30. This way a family can budget, and attend regularly even if they don't have the few dollars at the time. This is what Federal Way is doing.
- ♦ I can see these fees for the pools but I think they may be a little high if you just want to use the walk track.
- ♦ I doubt that I - and others - would use the facility if each time we had to pay.
- ♦ I like the punch card idea. If you sign up for a class is the user fee included? If so can you wander into the pool or up to the running track?
- ♦ I think people currently signed up for exercise classes should be given special consideration for access to the fitness room and walking as these could be used as part of the class. But for people just using the facility occassionaly I think the fees are more than reasonable.
- ♦ I would also like to see discounts for long-term tenants of the facility, ie a class instructor getting a discount on a separate facility rental (not part of the regular class)

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Please tell us why you are in favor of, against or uncertain about the fee structure

- ♦ I would be in favor for a monthly membership fee for the "Rec Center" and would pay for additional programs and services in the "Community Wing"
- ♦ I would be interested in comparing the overall fees with private fitness centers and clubs - not just a daily drop-in fee. I am curious if people would pay a drop-in fee if they only wanted to access the running track or the gym - the all or nothing access is potentially problematic as happened at the new Federal Way Community Center.
- ♦ I would have liked to see a yearly rate proposed. Also some facilities like gym and pool might be something that the community might use strictly, what would the cost be then. Individual use? Also the cost of class plus facility fee? might be an idea?
- ♦ I would want to find out what a family pass would cost.
- ♦ I would want to see more additional information before making any final decision
- ♦ IS THAT \$5 FOR THE WHOLE PLACE OR \$5 JUST FOR THE POOL AND \$5 JUST FOR THE TRACK?
- ♦ It appears reasonable!
- ♦ It will depend on what services are offered!
- ♦ Let those who use it pay for it
- ♦ Maybe a student and senior rate too. Also maybe a lower fee for single rental or program use, multi day punch cards, annual "membership", etc.
- ♦ Perhaps adding a category for 'family' that would discount the individual rates, or having kids free under a certain age (3 maybe)
- ♦ The gym at Sea Tac Community center has a monthly rate in place...for seniors \$20.00/month. I think you need monthly fees for some of the facility
- ♦ We currently have a adult couple YMCA membership which is less expensive, so we would not use. Since we have so many low-income families in the community, I am afraid most of the users will not be paying and you will then have a big revenue gap???
- ♦ While I don't live in the city of Burien, I would be happy to pay an extra user fee for out of city residents. I live in the Arbor Heights area.
- ♦ Would like opportunity to compare these fees with other communities which are demographically similar to Burien's rec center fees.

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NO

- ♦ I don't want to be paying for something I wouldn't use, nor do I want to subsidize something the future residents of Lora Lake apartments would over-run.
- ♦ I think that everyone in the community needs to contribute to operating costs. I fear that those who can afford the fees would be carrying those who don't contribute anything. I believe our seniors should definately pay a lower fee than anyone else.
- ♦ I think that the fees may be too steep for a majority of the residents in Burien, based on median household income demographics for our city.
- ♦ If I am paying for this in taxes/bonds/etc, why am I going to pay more?
- ♦ If I can't swim laps for exercise, I probably wouldn't bother at that price unless my kids were bored on a summer day. Also, what are the hours? It would be more inticing to have something open very early (5am) so people could exercise before the day's demands begin.
- ♦ less for residents.
- ♦ The cost is too much.
- ♦ The fee for adult resident is too expensive and not user friendly. I believe the communities of Renton and Seatac have free facilities for residents (or more reduced than what is proposed).
- ♦ The fees seem to high. Burien has many low income people. I know I'd be hesitant to use it at 5 dollars per visit.
- ♦ too expensive compared to fees charged by other locations for similar uses
- ♦ Too expensive for me. I probably would only use the walking path and possibly the pool occasionally.

- ♦ Would prefer to pay a "membership" rate instead. \$5 is a bit pricey.
- ♦ After the public pays to build a new community center it should not be just a play area fro those who can afford to pay to play.
- ♦ The pools don't pay for themselves look at Mt. Rainer pool, and the Foster pool, you need to charge enough so that it can pay for itself
- ♦ these facilities are for the use of the young and old, groups who have either earned the right to a few freebies or have not yet lived long enough to have to pay. i suggest you find funds from available coffers by eliminating spending on less functional and noble causes; i think you all know where these funds might be hiding.
- ♦ You must be kidding. These fees in addition to property taxes!!!!
- ♦ You want to increase taxes to build a facility that will host a tax subsidized business that then charges fees to the taxpayers who made the whole scheme possible? The whole idea is absurd.

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- ♦ Does the fee cover fitness classes? or do you have to pay additional money to take fitness classes? If the answer is yes, we would not be in favor of the fee structure and probably would not use facilities. If we did use the facilities, it would be on a very limited basis.
- ♦ I always worry about access to low income populations.
- ♦ We should offer annual memberships as well.

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- ♦ \$2.00 for kids under 5
- ♦ \$35 million is probably too expensive of a price tag given the demographics of the Burien community.

- ♦ A place to walk dogs indoors. Can we do that on the walking track?
- ♦ again more lap lanes, and a weight gym would get my vote.
- ♦ can you build it faster!?
- ♦ Discounted rates for PrePay of Multi punch cards would be great.
- ♦ Funny you use 65 as a senior here, but on the next page you use 55.
- ♦ Get it done right, don't play around, don't turn it into a pork barrel project.
- ♦ I believe the rebuild of the center is an excellent project. I hope to see the city step up to helping and maybe find some business sponsors to help with the cost. Grants might be another option. Good Luck! I look forward to using the facilities.
- ♦ I did not see a place to the Burien Little Theater. We greatly enjoy the plays and cannot see building a new center if there is no place for the plays to be performed.
- ♦ I like the idea. It seems the pool has lap lanes. This is important to me. I'm not sure I'll support the center without a pool with lap lanes.
- ♦ I support the proposed center for the future of my daughter and her generation that needs all of the positive influences in this society that we reside in.
- ♦ I think it is really important to establish and adhere to strict guidelines, policies, and rules for all participants and not allow the center to become a place where people don't want to gather.
- ♦ I think the preschool area should be exclusively for the use of the preschool, not mixed-use
- ♦ I would like to have the opportunity to have someone come speak to my Early Bird Exercise class once a decision is made. Since we meet so early in the day, it is hard to get together at another time to get information about the process and to answer all their questions.
I would really like to see a swimming pool for lap swimming and for water aerobics. This is one advantage of the Highline Athletic Club. Also, will the gym be striped for pickle ball. Will there be a room for a stationary bike class?
- ♦ I'd like to see the estimated projections of those that may use the facility
- ♦ Is this a sneaky way to build an ornate senior center or will all residents be able to use this center

- ♦ I've already taken the survey, but forgot to suggest that The Burien Little Theatre be included in the plan for a community center. We have attended performances for over 30 years and feel it is an integral part of our community.
- ♦ Keep user fees as low as possible. Center should be accessible to all.
- ♦ Like I have been saying, spend the energy and time for the great good for our children, spend the money on education, lets see the city of Burien getting involved in that area not on some swimming pool that can't pay for itself, will always be a stress button on fees and there will never be enough money to pay for everything.
- ♦ Need to rethink this proposal. The community has not fully considered the alternatives. Before coming forward with a very large financing proposal, you need much more community education and involvement.
- ♦ No.
- ♦ offer a long-term (year at a time) pool only membership around \$250 per year.
- ♦ Please stop trying to be Bellevue or Kirkland. It would be nice to have all the amenities of wealthy communities, but in reality Burien residents are middle income, blue collar (at best) or low-income renters(at worst). If you continue to put forth bond issues that force people out of their homes because of increased taxes, who is going to be left to pay for your programs?
- ♦ Possibly splitting up the fee schedule to a more use based fee...ie a fee for the pool, or gym... Add a lap pool, or a few lanes in the pool for exercise swimming.
- ♦ Recreation center is nice, but not a must have item. Institute monthly or yearly fees for high usage if center is built.

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- ♦ See earlier comments about the YMCA.
- ♦ Stop diddling around and wasting money and get back to governing.
- ♦ stop spending our money we have a war to pay for.
- ♦ That school building is so old we need a new structure to compete within our community and in the surrounding areas. People go to other cities like Tukwila, SeaTac and the YMCA because there in no other option close.
- ♦ This was a great tool to get feedback from the community. I am proud of you for doing this and thank you for taking care of our community.
- ♦ Update to the current facility is a necessity... but is it really in the community's best interest to tear down & build new? There is a pool in Tukwila, which is not that far away... does every community require one? Per square foot, aren't they most costly to upkeep?
- ♦ We totally love the Renton outdoor water park. We are often there during the summer. I would love to see Burien have something similar to this, where it could be outdoors during the summer.

- ♦ What about monthly fee based on a annual membership rate that include access to all recreational facilities and classes. Debit members VISA/Mastercharge cards automatical on a monthly basis.

- ♦ What would it cost to minimally repair/upgrade the existing center? Do we need this expensive, high end structure to provide dance and yoga classes? There are existing pools and gyms in the community, which can be accessed for about the same fees you are suggesting.

- ♦ Why dont you create a sales tax to cover residents fees on the rec center? Then charge non residents fees.
- ♦ Would like to see the community center reach out to all income levels & ethnic groups--to be a true gathering space like the Seattle Center.
- ♦ Would rather spread the cost in property taxes that be charged everytime I use the community center.